

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): An image display method for displaying a plurality of images on a display means, wherein;
based on at least one display protocol sequence that defines an execution order of a plurality of display protocols for the plurality of images, in which a plurality of display protocols that define a display layout of said plurality of images are lined up in a predetermined order, the display layout of said plurality of images is switched by switching said display protocols by the predetermined order defined in the display protocol sequence and said plurality of images are displayed on said display means using the switched display protocol.

2. (previously presented): An image display method according to claim 1, wherein; for cases in which there are multiple display protocol sequences, the desired display protocol sequence can be selected, and based on the selected display protocol sequence, said plurality of images are displayed on the display means.

3. (original): An image display method according to claim 2, wherein; said plurality of display protocol sequences can be switched, and based on the display protocol sequence switched to, said plurality of images are displayed on the display means.

4. (original): An image display method according to claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein;

the display protocol sequences are created based on the predetermined conditions, and based on said created display protocol sequence, said plurality of images are displayed on the display means.

5. (previously presented): An image display apparatus for displaying on a display means a plurality of images, comprising:

a memory means for remembering at least one display protocol sequence that defines an execution order of a plurality of display protocols for the plurality of images, in which a plurality of display protocols that define a display layout of a plurality of images are lined up in a predetermined order, and

control means which by switching, based on said at least one display protocol sequence, the plurality of display protocols by the predetermined order defined in the display protocol sequence, switches the display layout of a plurality of images and displays said plurality of images on the display means using the switched display protocol.

6. (original): An image display apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:
input means for receiving selection of the desired display protocol sequence, for cases in which multiple display protocol sequences are remembered in said memory means, wherein; based on the selected display protocol sequence in said input means, the control means displays on the display means the plurality of images.

7. (original): An image display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein;

the control means can switch the multiple display protocol sequences, and based on the switched to display protocol sequence, said plurality of images is displayed on the display means.

8. (original): An image display apparatus according to claim 5, 6, or 7, wherein; based on the predetermined conditions, the control means creates the display protocol sequences, and

based on said created display protocol sequence, said plurality of images are displayed on the display means.

9. (previously presented): A computer-accessible storage medium on which a program that causes a computer to execute the image display method in which a plurality of images are displayed on the display means, wherein;

said program contains a display procedure for, based on at least one display protocol sequence that defines an execution order of a plurality of display protocols for the plurality of images, in which a plurality of display protocols that define a display layout of a plurality of images are lined up in a predetermined order, switching the display layout by switching said display protocols by the predetermined order defined in the display protocol sequence and displaying on the display means the plurality of images using the switched display protocol.

10. (original): A computer-accessible storage medium according to claim 9, further comprising:

a receiving procedure for receiving a selection of the desired display protocol sequence for cases in which there are multiple display protocol sequences, wherein;

based on the selected display protocol sequence, said display procedure displays the plurality of images on the display means.

11. (original): A computer-accessible storage medium according to claim 10, further comprising:

a switching procedure for switching the multiple-display protocol sequences, wherein; based on the display protocol sequence switched to, said display procedure displays the plurality of images on the display means.

12. (original): A computer-accessible storage medium according to claim 9, 10, or 11, further comprising:

a procedure for creating, based on the predetermined conditions, said display protocol sequences, wherein;

based on the created display protocol sequence, said display procedure displays the plurality of images on the display means.

13. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one display protocol sequence includes at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined temporal order, said at least two of the plurality of display protocols each individually comprising a predetermined spatially ordered arrangement of images selected from said plurality of images.

14. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control means controls at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined

temporal order, said at least two of the plurality of display protocols each individually comprising a predetermined spatially ordered arrangement of images selected from said plurality of images.

15. (previously presented): The medium of claim 9, wherein said at least one display protocol sequence includes at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined temporal order, said at least two of the plurality of display protocols each individually comprising a predetermined spatially ordered arrangement of images selected from said plurality of images.

16. (previously presented): The method of claim 2, wherein said display protocol sequence includes at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined temporal order and wherein the display protocol sequence can be switched to a different display protocol sequence prior to reaching a last display protocol of the display protocol sequence.

17. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the control means controls at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined temporal order and wherein the display protocol sequence can be switched to a different display protocol sequence prior to reaching a last display protocol of the display protocol sequence.

18. (previously presented): The medium of claim 10, wherein said display protocol sequence includes at least two of the plurality of display protocols to be arranged in a predetermined temporal order and wherein the display protocol sequence can be switched to a

different display protocol sequence prior to reaching a last display protocol of the display protocol sequence.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the display protocols are switched automatically based on the display protocol sequence.

20. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control means switches the display protocols automatically based on the display protocol sequence.

21. (previously presented): The medium of claim 9, wherein the display protocols are switched automatically based on the display protocol sequence.

22. (new): The image display method of claim 1, wherein the display protocol sequence is only directed to defining a display of images.

23. (new): The image display method of claim 1, wherein the display protocol sequence lines up the display protocols in order of one of an examination type, a series type, and a doctor type.